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SUBJECT: 1978 SUMMER ECOSOC: ITEM 12: REGIONAL COOPERATION
AND DEVELOPMENT. REVISED RESOLUTION TEXT

REF: A) GENEVA 10595, B) STATE 176433
1. THERE FOLLOWS TEXT OF REVISED VERSION OF DRAFT RESOLU-
ON REGIONAL COMMISSIONS, PREPARED IN RESPONSE TO GENERAL-
IZED WESTERN COUNTRY DISSATISFACTION WITH EARLIER DRAFT.
ALTHOUGH TEXT IS POORLY EDITED AND CONTAINS SOME
REPETITION, DELEGATION BELIEVES REVISION MEETS REQUIREMENTS
SET DOWN REF B AND RECOMMENDS WE SUPPORT SUCH A RESOLUTION,
COSPONSORING IF THIS SEEMS APPRPRIATE.

BEGIN TEXT: THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL,

RECALLING ITS RESOLUTION 2043 (LXI) ON THE STRENGTHENING
OF THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS FOR REGIONAL AND INTERREGIONAL
CO-OPERATION,

NOTING WITH APPRECIATION THAT THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE
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RESTRUCTURING OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SECTORS OF THE
UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM HAS NOT ONLY RESPONDED TO THE
REQUEST MADE TO IT IN OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 3 OF THE ABOVE
RESOLUTION, BUT ALSO MADE OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS DEALING
WITH THE STRUCTURES FOR REGIONAL AND INTERREGIONAL
CO-OPERATION THUS FULLY RECOGNIZING THAT THE PROMOTION
OF SUCH CO-OPERATION FORMS AN INTRINSIC PART OF

THE PROCESS OF THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SECTORS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM,

CONVINCED THAT THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS, WHICH ARE SUBSIDIARY ORGANS OF THE COUNCIL, ARE IN THE BEST POSITION TO PROMOTE SUBREGIONAL, REGIONAL AND INTERREGIONAL CO-OPERATION IN THEIR RESPECTIVE REGIONS,

NOTING FURTHER THAT PARAGRAPH 23 OF THE ANNEX TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 32/197 REQUESTED THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL SHOULD TAKE MEASURES TO ENABLE THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS TO FUNCTION EXPEDITIOUSLY AS EXECUTING AGENCIES FOR INTERSECTORAL, SUBREGIONAL, REGIONAL AND INTERREGIONAL PROJECTS AND, IN AREAS WHICH DO NOT FALL WITHIN THE PURVIEW OF THE SECTORAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND OTHER UNITED NATIONS BODIES FOR OTHER SUBREGIONAL, REGIONAL AND INTERREGIONAL PROJECTS,

CONVINCED ALSO THAT THE PROVISION OF ADEQUATE RESOURCES WOULD BE REQUIRED TO STRENGTHEN THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS TO ENABLE THEM TO INTENSIFY THEIR ACTIVITIES IN PROMOTING REGIONAL AND INTERREGIONAL CO-OPERATION,

APPRECIATING THE RECOMMENDATION CONTAINED IN PARAGRAPH 26 OF THE ANNEX TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 32/197 THAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IN ORDER TO ENABLE THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS EFFECTIVELY TO DISCHARGE THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES THEY SHOULD HAVE THE NECESSARY AUTHORITY DELEGATED TO THEM AND BE PROVIDED WITH ADEQUATE BUDGETARY AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES,

NOTING WITH SATISFACTION THAT THE SECRETARY-GENERAL HAS MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS TO HOLD CONSULTATIONS WITH OFFICIALS CONCERNED AT HEADQUARTERS, INCLUDING THOSE FROM UNDP, TO MAKE PRACTICAL AND CONCRETE ARRANGEMENTS, INCLUDING ALL MATTERS RELATING TO THE ROLE OF THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS AS EXECUTING AGENCIES FOR DECENTRALIZED PROJECTS AND HAS AGREED 1 JANUARY 1979 AS THE TARGET DATE FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE FIRST SET OF SUBREGIONAL AND REGIONAL PROJECTS DECENTRALIZED TO THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS AS MENTIONED IN HIS REPORT ON THE MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES OF THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS (E/1989/89),

TAKING NOTE ALSO WITH SATISFACTION THAT UNDP UNDER THE CONDITIONS PROVIDED IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS 2688 (XXV), 3505 (XXX) AND 32/197 WILL DESIGNATE THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS AS EXECUTING AGENCIES OF INTER-

SECTORAL, SUBREGIONAL, REGIONAL AND INTERREGIONAL
PROJECTS:

1. REAFFIRMS THE PROVISIONS MADE BY THE COUNCIL
IN ITS RESOLUTIONS 1896 (LVII) AND 1952 (LIX) THAT THE
REGIONAL COMMISSIONS SHOULD BE DESIGNATED EXECUTING
AGENCIES OF UNDP UNDER THE CONDITIONS
INDICATED IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 2688 (XXV),
3505 (XX) AND 32/197;

2. REQUESTS THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES TO SUBMIT TO THEIR
RESPECTIVE COMMISSIONS AT THEIR FORTHCOMING SESSIONS PLANS
FOR AN INTENSIFIED PROGRAMME FOR THE PROMOTION OF SUB-

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REGIONAL AND INTERREGIONAL CO-OPERATION IN THEIR RESPECTIVE
REGIONS;

3. FURTHER REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO SUBMIT TO
THE SECOND REGULAR SESSION OF THE COUNCIL IN 1979 A REPORT
ON THE PROGRESS MADE IN IMPLEMENTING THE PROVISIONS OF
THE ABOVE PARAGRAPHS. VANDEN HEUVEL

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